

**Back Community Council Meeting**  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 @ 7:00pm  
Loch a Tuath Community Hut  
Minutes of Meeting

**Present:** Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA), Sara Maciver, Andrew Morrison, Colin Thompson, Cllr Calum Maclean, Cllr John A Maciver, Neil Davis, Kinny Davis, Angus Campbell, Murdo Maclean.

**Apologies:** Cllr Donald Crichton, Iain Maciver, Cathy Macinnes.

**Chair:** Margaret-Ann Maciver (MA)

Margaret-Ann Maciver welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes from our meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were proposed by Margaret-Ann Maciver and seconded by Colin Thompson.

**Matters Arising**

**1. FERRIES**

Angus Campbell (chair of the ferries community board) and Murdo Maclean attended our meeting to discuss the poor situation of our ferries. They believe that local voices should have more of a say.

Their aim is to visit every island using a Calmac ferry and to get a written collection of local views for evidence to collate. There is a new contract due in a few years' time and it is hoped by collating these views, it can be passed to CMAL/Transport Scotland so that they can design ferries based on what we need and ways to provide a better service.

Andrew will ask Jayne to advertise this plea in the next Loch a Tuath News.

BCC will get points together and send to Andrew to submit a statement to Angus.

**2. POLYCRUB**

- It's up! Colin will get a padlock for it.
- Raised beds, planters and a shed will need be looked into getting built. There is around £9.5k left in the polytunnel budget.
- It was agreed that we would kit out the Polytunnel before advertising it. It was suggested to have an open day to show folk and allow an opportunity for them to express their interest in a raised bed.
- It was discussed to have low planters along either side and higher beds in the middle aisle of the polytunnel.
- It will need to have an irrigation water system fitted to feed it. This could connect into the Hut's mains and set an auto timer.
- Colin went to NFU regarding an insurance policy for the polytunnel. It will need to be registered as a separate outbuilding.
- Tom and the community service workers will render and paint the wall surrounding the Hut car park.

## **Finances**

The balance stands at £24,788.30. This includes the crown estate funding and play park monies.

As we already have £4600 available for a playpark project, we could add to this by applying from any available funding applications. We may have a better chance of getting funds for a playpark that already exists and to revamp it. Will speak to Iain our development worker about this as he may have contacts to follow this up.

## **AOCB**

### **3. CROWN ESTATE**

- The year 4 funding deadline is on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and this round will be via an online application form. Andrew will submit an application of behalf of Brevig Harbour Users Group.
- TRA will apply for funding for another year for our Development Worker's post.
- We could apply for funding to purchase solar panels or an irrigation system for the polytunnel.

### **4. SEAWEED PATH**

This would be a matter for the common grazing.

### **5. OVER 60s DINNER**

Congratulations to MA for arranging this well organised event.

### **6. CONTAINERS**

Tom from the Community Service team was approached by Tony Wade who will empty 1 container that belongs to the sports centre and relocate it there.

### **7. CEBAC**

The portacabins will arrive in the next 2-3 weeks.

CEBAC asked BCC to apply for planning permission for their new building as it would cost half the price than if they were to apply themselves.

## **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7:00pm.

Margaret-Ann Maciver thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.